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# H. R. 2676

To amend title XVI of the Social Security Act to reform the supplemental security income program.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 20, 1993

Mrs. MEEK introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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## A BILL

To amend title XVI of the Social Security Act to reform the supplemental security income program.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “SSI Reform Act of  
5 1993”.

6 **SEC. 2. INCREASE IN INCOME AND RESOURCE ELIGIBILITY**

7 **STANDARDS AND BENEFITS; ELIMINATION OF**  
8 **CERTAIN RESOURCE EXCLUSIONS.**

9 (a) INCREASE IN INCOME AND RESOURCE ELIGI-  
10 BILITY STANDARDS.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1611 of the Social  
2       Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1382) is amended—

3           (A) in subsection (a)—

4               (i) in paragraph (1)(A)—

5                   (I) by striking “\$1,752” and in-  
6                   serting “the adjusted poverty line”;  
7                   and

8                   (II) by striking “1974” and in-  
9                   serting “1994”;

10           (ii) in paragraph (2)(A)—

11                   (I) by striking “\$2,628” and in-  
12                   serting “150 percent of the adjusted  
13                   poverty line”; and

14                   (II) by striking “1974” and in-  
15                   serting “1994”; and

16           (iii) in paragraph (3)—

17                   (I) in subparagraph (A), by strik-  
18                   ing “and to \$3,000 on January 1,  
19                   1989” and inserting “to \$3,000 on  
20                   January 1, 1989, and to \$10,500 on  
21                   January 1, 1994”; and

22                   (II) in subparagraph (B), by  
23                   striking “and to \$3,000 on January  
24                   1, 1989” and inserting “to \$3,000 on

1 January 1, 1989, and to \$7,000 on  
2 January 1, 1994”; and

3 (B) in subsection (b)—

4 (i) in paragraph (1)—

5 (I) by striking “\$1,752” and in-  
6 serting “the adjusted poverty line”;  
7 and

8 (II) by striking “1974” and in-  
9 serting “1994”; and

10 (ii) in paragraph (2)—

11 (I) by striking “\$2,628” and in-  
12 serting “150 percent of the adjusted  
13 poverty line”; and

14 (II) by striking “1974” and in-  
15 serting “1994”.

16 (2) ADJUSTED POVERTY LINE.—Subsection (a)  
17 of such section (42 U.S.C. 1382(a)) is amended by  
18 adding at the end the following:

19 “(4)(A) For purposes of this subsection and sub-  
20 section (b), the term ‘adjusted poverty line’ means, with  
21 respect to a family—

22 “(i) 80 percent of the poverty line for calendar  
23 year 1994;

24 “(ii) 90 percent of the poverty line for calendar  
25 year 1995;

1           “(iii) 100 percent of the poverty line for cal-  
2       endar year 1996;

3           “(iv) 110 percent of the poverty line for cal-  
4       endar year 1997; and

5           “(v) 120 percent of the poverty line for cal-  
6       endar year 1998 and each calendar year thereafter.

7       “(B) As used in subparagraph (A), the term ‘poverty  
8   line’ means, with respect to a family, the official poverty  
9   line (as defined by the Office of Management and Budget,  
10   and revised annually in accordance with section 673(2) of  
11   the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981) applica-  
12   ble to a family of the size involved.’”.

13           (3) NO REDUCTION IN BENEFITS.—The amend-  
14       ments made by this subsection shall not apply to any  
15       individual or couple whose supplemental security in-  
16       come benefits under title XVI of the Social Security  
17       Act would be reduced by reason of such application.

18       (b) ELIMINATION OF CERTAIN RESOURCE EXCLU-  
19   SIONS.—Section 1613 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1382b) is  
20   amended—

21           (1) in the 1st sentence of subsection (a)—

22                   (A) in paragraph (2)—

23                           (i) by striking “(A)”;

24                           (ii) by striking subparagraph (B);

1 (B) in paragraph (4), by adding “and” at  
2 the end;

3 (C) by striking all that follows paragraph  
4 (6);

5 (D) in paragraph (6), by striking the semi-  
6 colon and inserting a period; and

7 (E) by striking paragraph (5) and redesign-  
8 ating paragraph (6) as paragraph (5); and  
9 (2) by striking subsection (d).

10 **SEC. 3. IN-KIND SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE DIS-**  
11 **REGARDED IN DETERMINING INCOME.**

12 Section 1612(a)(2) of the Social Security Act (42  
13 U.S.C. 1382a(a)(2)) is amended—

14 (1) by inserting “(other than support or main-  
15 tenance furnished in kind)” after “all other income”;

16 (2) in subparagraph (A)—

17 (A) by striking “or kind”;

18 (B) by striking clause (i) and redesignat-  
19 ing clauses (ii) and (iii) as clauses (i) and (ii),  
20 respectively; and

21 (C) in clause (ii) (as so redesignated), by  
22 striking “and the provisions of clause (i) shall  
23 not be applicable”.

1 **SEC. 4. WORK INCENTIVE.**

2 Section 1612(b)(4) of the Social Security Act (42  
3 U.S.C. 1382a(b)(4)) is amended—

4 (1) by striking “\$780” each place such term  
5 appears and inserting “\$2,400”; and

6 (2) by striking “one-half” each place such term  
7 appears and inserting “ $\frac{2}{3}$ ”.

8 **SEC. 5. PHASED-IN EXPANSION OF ELIGIBILITY BY REASON**  
9 **OF AGE.**

10 (a) AGE 64 FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1994.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1614(a)(1)(A) of the  
12 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1382c(a)(1)(A)) is  
13 amended by striking “65” and inserting “64”.

14 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

15 (A) Section 1615(a)(1) of such Act (42  
16 U.S.C. 1382d(a)(1)) is amended by striking  
17 “65” and inserting “64”.

18 (B) Section 1612(b)(4) of such Act (42  
19 U.S.C. 1382a(b)) is amended by striking “65”  
20 each place such term appears and inserting  
21 “64”.

22 (3) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made  
23 by this subsection shall take effect on January 1,  
24 1994.

25 (b) AGE 63 FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1995.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1614(a)(1)(A) of  
2       such Act (42 U.S.C. 1382c(a)(1)(A)), as amended  
3       by subsection (a)(1) of this section, is amended by  
4       striking “64” and inserting “63”.

5           (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

6                (A) Section 1615(a)(1) of such Act (42  
7       U.S.C. 1382d(a)(1)), as amended by subsection  
8       (a)(2)(A) of this section, is amended by striking  
9       “64” and inserting “63”.

10              (B) Section 1612(b)(4) of such Act (42  
11       U.S.C. 1382a(b)), as amended by subsection  
12       (a)(2)(B) of this section, is amended by striking  
13       “64” each place such term appears and insert-  
14       ing “63”.

15           (3) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made  
16       by this subsection shall take effect on January 1,  
17       1995.

18           (c) AGE 62 THEREAFTER.—

19                (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1614(a)(1)(A) of  
20       such Act (42 U.S.C. 1382c(a)(1)(A)), as amended  
21       by paragraph (2)(A) of this subsection, is amended  
22       by striking “63” and inserting “62”.

23           (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

24                (A) Section 1615(a)(1) of such Act (42  
25       U.S.C. 1382d(a)(1)), as amended by sub-

1 sections (a)(2)(A) and (b)(2)(A) of this section,  
2 is amended by striking “63” and inserting  
3 “62”.

4 (B) Section 1612(b)(4) of such Act (42  
5 U.S.C. 1382a(b)), as amended by subsections  
6 (a)(2)(B) and (b)(2)(B) of this section, is  
7 amended by striking “63” each place such term  
8 appears and inserting “62”.

9 (3) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made  
10 by this subsection shall take effect on January 1,  
11 1996.

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